



# Missouri September 1 Hog Inventory



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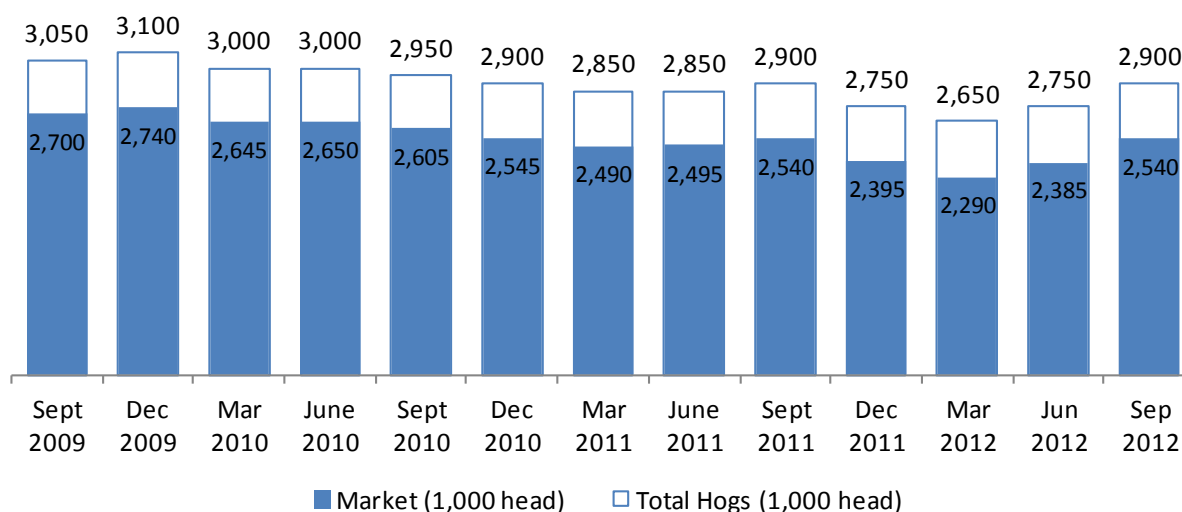
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## Missouri Hog and Pig Inventory up from June

(COLUMBIA, Mo.) - The September 1, 2012 inventory of **Missouri hogs and pigs** is estimated at 2.90 million head according to the USDA's Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. This is an increase of 150,000 from June, the second quarter in a row with a significant size increase in total hogs and pigs. Hog and pig numbers are equal to September 1, 2011, level. **Breeding hogs** are estimated at 360,000 head, and **market hogs** are estimated at 2.54 million head, both unchanged from last September.

## Quarterly Missouri Hog Inventory



The **June-August pig crop** is estimated at 1.961 million head, a two percent decline from the same period last year, but a three percent increase over last quarter's total estimated **pig crop**. **Farrowings**, at 185,000 sows, is unchanged from last quarter but down 5,000 sows from a year ago. **Pigs saved per litter** is at 10.6, versus 10.5 from the same quarter last year.

Missouri hog producers **intend to farrow** 180,000 sows during September-November, 5,000 head less than the number of heads that were actually farrowed during the same period a year earlier. During December-February, hog producers expect to farrow 185,000 sows, equal to the actual farrowings during the same period a year earlier.

**Missouri September Inventory 2010-2012**  
**Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, Inventory, and Pigs per Litter**

|                               | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | Percent of<br>Previous Year |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hogs & pigs kept for breeding | 345,000          | 360,000          | 360,000          | 100                         |
| Hogs & pigs for market        | 2,605,000        | 2,540,000        | 2,540,000        | 100                         |
| <i>Under 50 pounds</i>        | <i>1,140,000</i> | <i>1,020,000</i> | <i>1,085,000</i> | 106                         |
| <i>50-119 pounds</i>          | <i>615,000</i>   | <i>615,000</i>   | <i>625,000</i>   | 102                         |
| <i>120-179 pounds</i>         | <i>450,000</i>   | <i>475,000</i>   | <i>390,000</i>   | 82                          |
| <i>180 pounds and over</i>    | <i>400,000</i>   | <i>430,000</i>   | <i>440,000</i>   | 102                         |
| <b>Hogs and pigs total</b>    | <b>2,950,000</b> | <b>2,900,000</b> | <b>2,900,000</b> | <b>100</b>                  |
| Pig crop                      | 1,862,000        | 1,995,000        | 1,961,000        | 98                          |
| Pigs per litter               | 9.8              | 10.5             | 10.6             | 101                         |

**United States Hog Inventory Up Slightly**

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012 was 67.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2011, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2012.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.79 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

**The June-August 2012 pig crop**, at 29.3 million head, was down slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.13 for the June-August period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the September-November 2012 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011, and down 1 percent from 2010. Intended farrowings for December-February 2013, at 2.82 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2012 and down 1 percent from 2011. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total

A random sample of roughly 8,000 United States producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of September 2012, data were collected from about 6,400 operations, 80 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of September 1, 2012.